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SUBJECT: METEOROLOGY: U.S. COOPERATION IN A NATIONAL
WEATHER SYSTEM FOR IRAN

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 03606, (B) STATE 89664

1. NOAA ADVISES THAT IN ADDITION TO TEAM LEADER HAZEN
BEDKE, REFTEL (B), OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE DR. ALEXANDER
MACDONALD, DEPUTY, SCIENTIFIC SERVICES, NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE, WESTERN REGION, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, WHO HAS
BACKGROUND IN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN METEOROLOGY WITH
EMPHASIS ON COMPUTER APPLICATIONS. THIRD MEMBER WILL BE
STEPHEN JOSEPH RIGNEY, METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE IN PORTLAND, MAINE.
RIGNEY HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN APPLIED METEOROLOGY, AVIATION,
AGRICULTURE, MARINE AND PUBLIC SERVICE FORECASTING.

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2. IMPOSSIBLE, DUE PRIOR COMMITMENTS, FOR TEAM TO VISIT
PRIOR DATES REFTEL (B).

3. NOAA PLANS BRING TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFING AT
NOAA HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICE OF OCEAN DATA SYSTEMS (AT
REQUEST OF DIRECTOR, IRAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE) TWO DAYS
PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR TEHRAN.

4. NOAA REQUESTS GOI PROVIDE PREPAID AIR TICKETS AND SUGGESTS FOLLOWING ROUTING IN ORDER REMAIN WITHIN COST FRAMEWORK REFTEL (B). BEDKE AND MACDONALD, SALT LAKE CITY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RETURN; RIGNEY, PORTLAND, MAINE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RETURN; BEDKE, MACDONALD AND RIGNEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TEHRAN AND RETURN, 14-21 DAY EXCURSION.

5. NOAA FURTHER REQUESTS THAT PER DIEM AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH MEMBER OF TEAM UPON ARRIVAL TEHRAN AS FOLLOWS: IN U.S. CURRENCY AT LEAST 225 DOLS (FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES ENROUTE AND PER DIEM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.); IN EITHER U.S. CURRENCY OR RIALS 945 DOLS U.S. FOR TOTAL 1,170 DOLS EACH OR 3,510 DOLS TOTAL FOR TEAM.

6. PLANNED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES REMAIN AS IN REFTEL (B). NOAA SUGGESTS BRIEFING FOR TEAM BY SAM HOUSTON, TEHRAN REPRESENTATIVE, OCEAN DATA SYSTEMS, PRIOR REPORTING TO GOI.

7. VISITS TO OTHER AREAS IN IRAN CONSIDERED DESIRABLE WITHIN TIMEFRAME REFTEL (B). NOAA ANTICIPATES GOI WILL ARRANGE AND FUND ALL LOCAL TRAVEL REQUIRED.

8. BIODATA BEDKE AND MACDONALD BEING POUCHED. RIGNEY'S WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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9. PLEASE CONFIRM GOI AND EMBASSY AGREEABLE ARRANGEMENTS PARAGRAPH 5.
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